

**IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT
AT WELLINGTON
TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA**

ENV-2024-WLG-000042

IN THE MATTER the Resource Management Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER OF An appeal under clause 14(1) of Schedule 1 of
the Resource Management Act 1991

BETWEEN **MERIDIAN ENERGY LIMITED**
Appellant

AND **WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL**
Respondent

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO BE A PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS UNDER
SECTION 274 ON BEHALF OF WINSTONE AGGREGATES**

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To The Registrar
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Wellington

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO BE A PARTY TO PROCEEDINGS
UNDER SECTION 274 OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT
1991**

1. Winstone Aggregates (**Winstone**) wish to be a party to the following proceedings:
 - a) Meridian Energy Limited (**Meridian**) appeal against the decision of the Wellington Regional Council on proposed Plan Change 1 to the Wellington Regional Policy Statement.
2. Winstone made a submission and further submission on proposed Plan Change 1 to the Regional Policy Statement.
3. Winstone is not a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308C or 308CA of the Resource Management Act 1991.
4. Winstone is interested in part of the proceedings. The part of the proceedings Winstone is interested in are:
 - (a) Policy 7.
 - (b) Policy 47.
5. And any consequent amendments or other relief arising from the appellant's appeal on these points.
6. Winstone made a submission and further submission on these provisions. Winstone has also filed a Notice of Appeal on RPS-PC1 appealing these provisions (ENV-2024-00051)
7. Winstone is the largest manufacturer and distributor of aggregates in the country. The company operates several quarries in the Wellington

Region including Belmont Quarry, Otaki Quarry and Petone Quarry. These operations provide a local and reliable supply of aggregates for construction in the region that is essential for roading, construction and infrastructure development. The availability of a locally sourced aggregate is crucial for minimising transportation costs and ensuring a sustainable supply of materials. Aggregates are a vital ingredient in ensuring the region meets its objectives of suitable public infrastructure, resilience planning and affordable housing, and underpin's the growth outcomes sought by the NPS-UD.

8. Winstone is interested in the following particular issues addressed in the appeal that would result in changes to the RPS- PC1 that would result in changes to provisions in a manner inconsistent with Winstone's own submission and appeal of these provisions.
9. Winstone is interested in WCC appeal (in summary) to ensure that the RPS-PC1 and provisions:
 - (a) Properly recognise the importance and benefits of aggregates and quarrying.
 - (b) Ensure that the RPS provides policy recognition and support for continued pathways for quarrying in the region providing security of supply.
 - (c) Ensure that the RPS recognised the site specific nature of aggregate extraction and the need to quarry in areas where the resource is located, protected significant resource deposits from reverse sensitivity effects and Policy that does not recognise the unique characteristics of quarrying.
 - (d) Ensure that land long set aside for quarrying activities at its existing sites was not sterilised as a result of the Policy framework implemented through RPS-PC1.
 - (e) That the RPS introduced policy that gave proper effect to NPS-FM, NPS-UD and NPS-IB, in a more balanced and integrated

way by ensuring that it gave equal recognition to the use as well as protection elements of those National Directions (including reference to the consenting pathways for quarrying of aggregates and clean-filling and aggregate extraction), including providing for the interaction of those activities.

(f) That biodiversity offsetting and availability of the effects management hierarchy remains as articulated in the RMA, National Direction in the NPS-IB and NPS-FM (including the most recent NPS and RMA amendments) and that Council do not seek to impose further undue restrictions by way of regional circumstances that render biodiversity offsetting/ application of the effects hierarchy unavailable which will result in the broadening of scope of land unavailable for quarrying and sterilisation of aggregate resource in the Wellington Region or undermine those consenting pathways provided for quarrying and aggregate extraction in National Direction.

(g) Avoids undue duplication.

10. Winstone **opposes** the requested relief sought by Meridian to the extent that it is inconsistent with the relief sought by Winstone on its own appeal.

11. Winstone agree to participate in mediation or other alternative dispute resolution of the proceedings.

Dated: 9 December 2024



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